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TECHNOLOGY GROUP B OECD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27-29.

REF: STATE 218994

1. SUMMARY: GOF WILLING AT SUBJECT MEETING TO
DISCUSS PROS AND CONS OF GROUP B ACQUIESCE TO 1978
DATE FOR MAJOR UN CONFERENCE AIMED AT COMPLETING
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CODE. HOWEVER, FOREIGN OFFICE

AND MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY REPS BELIEVE DELEGATES TO OECD MEETING SEPTEMBER 27-29 WILL LACK POLITICAL AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS, OR EVEN SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ANY POSSIBLE GROUP B MOVES TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT FROM 32ND TO 33RD UNGA OF DECISION FIXING DATE FOR THIS CONFERENCE. WHILE IT TAKES NO RPT NO POSITION AS YET, GOF BELIEVES POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES OF POSTPONEMENT, IN TERMS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, SHOULD BE WEIGHTED CAREFULLY AGAINST LIKELY ADVERSE AFFECTS OF SERIOUS POLITICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN GROUP B AND G-77 OVER ISSUE OF CONFERENCE DATE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 15, WE PRESENTED REFTEL ARGUMENTS TO FOREIGN OFFICE UN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE (MIYET) AND OFFERED TO MAKE SIMILAR PRESENTATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER FRENCH MINISTRIES CONCERNED WITH GROUP B WORK ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. MIYET SAID HE WISHED TO COORDINATE WITH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ASKED EMBOFF TO RETURN TO QUAI SEPTEMBER 19 TO RECEIVE GOF RESPONSE.

3. SEPTEMBER 19, MIYET AND RENE-FRANCOIS BIZEC FROM MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY'S TECHNOLOGY SERVICE, WHO IS ALSO MEMBER OF FRENCH GROUP B DELEGATION, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL: (A) GOF IS CONFIDENTIAL

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WILLING TO HAVE AGENDA OF GROUP B OECD MEETING SEPTEMBER 27-29 INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF QUESTION WHETHER GROUP B SHOULD ACQUIESCE IN HAVING 32ND UNGA FIX DATE IN 1978 FOR MAJOR UN CONFERENCE TO COMPLETE AND PROMULGATE CODE OF CONDUCT; (B) FRENCH, HOWEVER, DO NOT RPT NOT THINK DELEGATES TO OECD MEETING--MOST OF WHOM ARE TECHNICIANS--WILL HAVE MANDATE TO MAKE DECISIONS, OR EVEN SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ANY POSSIBLE GROUP B MOVES TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT FROM 32ND TO 33RD UNGA OF DECISION FIXING DATE FOR THE CONFERENCE; (C) IN REACHING ANY DECISION ON THIS SCORE, GOF BELIEVES GROUP B SHOULD WEIGH CAREFULLY WHAT IT HOPES TO ACHIEVE THROUGH POSTPONEMENT AGAINST RISK OF PITCHED BATTLE WITH G-77, WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THIS AND OTHER UN ECONOMIC PROGRAMS; (D) FRANCE TAKES NO RPT NO POSITION AS YET REGARDING POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT; (E) SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES ARE LIKELY TO OBJECT TO US PROPOSALS; (F) GOF AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO LOGIC OF ARGUMENTS IN REFTEL, PARA 4B, C, D, AND E, BUT DOUBTS WHETHER ADDITIONAL TIME MADE AVAILABLE BY ANY EVENTUAL POSTPONEMENT OF

FULL UN CONFERENCE WOULD EITHER PERMIT UNCTAD
EXPERT GROUP SATISFACTORILY TO RESOLVE ITS
DIFFERENCES (PARA 4 A), OR ENCOURAGE MEANINGFUL
NEGOTIATIONS AND COMPROMISE BY G-77 (PARA 4 F); BUT
(G) SINCE UNCTAD Y IS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR
MAY 1979, POSTPONEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
CONFERENCE TO 1979 WILL PERFORCE MEAN POSTPONEMENT
UNTIL SECOND HALF OF 1979, AND SO LONG A DELAY MIGHT
FURTHER IRRITATE G-77. HARLAN

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